SUBJECT No. 177.

Reorganization of Amrit Mahal Department.

Mr. H. V. Rangaswami, Hassan taluk.

Summary of discussion.—It is prayed that the Amrit Mahal Department may be reorganised and its resources fully utilised.

Reply of Government.—Under consideration.

SUBJECT No. 178.

Telegraph connection to every taluk headquarter town.

Messrs. Venkataramanaiya, Nagamangala taluk, Gundappa, Magadi taluk, Dana Setti, Dodballapur taluk, H. Srikantiah, Dodballapur municipality, and T. Ramachandra Rao, Bangalore District Board.

Summary of discussion.—Railway connection with many of the taluk headquarters in this State is one of the best means for improving export and import trade. If the extension of railway is not possible for the present, every taluk headquarter may be given telegraphic connection at least. This will be of very great use to both the public and Government.

Reply of Government.—Under correspondence and consideration.

SUBJECT No. 179.

Postal facilities.

(1) Mr. Honnalige Gowda, Gubbi taluk and (2) Mr. Singri Nanjappa, Tiptur taluk.

Summary of discussion.—(1) Only one village postman has, at present, to deliver letters in 100 villages within an area of 16 square miles. If the area be reduced to 8 square miles, considerable facility will be created to villagers and petty traders, in receiving their letters in time.

(2) The number of village postmen may be increased by meeting their pay from Local Funds.

Reply of Government.—Desirable. The Postal authorities will be addressed in the matter.

SUBJECT No. 180.

Mahomedans in Judicial service.

Mr. Mahomed Abbas Khan, Central Mahomedan Association, Bangalore.

Summary of discussion.—It is requested that qualified Mahomedans of the State be entertained in the Judicial service.

Reply of Government.—Government sympathise with the representation. Whatever is reasonable and proper will be done.

SUBJECT No. 181.

Appointments to Mahomedans.

Mr. Mahomed Abbas Khan, Central Mahomedan Association, Bangalore.

Summary of discussion.—The Government may be pleased to draw the attention of district authorities to the instructions issued by them in 1907 to encourage Mahomedans who know English and Kannada by giving them minor appointments, as qualified men are now available.

Reply of Government.—Government sympathise with the representation.

SUBJECT No. 182.

Equal representation of communities in Government service.

Mr. B. Basavaiya, Lingayat Education Fund Association, Bangalore.

Summary of discussion.—A committee presided over by a high and respectable officer of Government unconnected with the executive like the Chief Judge of Mysore and having two other non-official members one of whom shall be a representative of the communities poorly represented in public service, may be appointed to enquire into the evil of disproportionate preponderance of particular communities in Government service, and to report on measures to be adopted for removing this crying evil.